is provided to the States for undertaking basic data entry work, setting up of computer centres at tehsil/taluk/block level and imparting training to revenue officials.

(b) No financial assistance for computerisation of land records at the village level is provided to any State. So far, Rs. 346.13 crore have been released to States/UTs under the scheme of CLR covering 582 districts and 3325 tehsils/taluks/blocks of the country.

(c) The State Government of Kerala has been provided Rs. 9.55 crore under the scheme of CLR for undertaking basic data entry work, setting up of computer centres in all the 63 taluks and imparting training to revenue officials. As per the progress report received from the State Government of Kerala, 93.47 per cent data entry work has been completed, hardware has been procured and installed in 61 taluks out of 63 taluks with the utilization of Rs. 9.54 crore.

(d) Under the scheme of CLR, funds are not being provided to State Governments for setting up of computer centres at village level.

Selection of districts for inclusion of Food for Work Scheme

3057. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many districts in different States have been selected for inclusion in National Food for Work Programme;

(b) what are the guidelines fixed for selection of these areas;

(c) whether Government are aware that in one district there may be some parts irrigated or developed, whereas other may be without irrigation or under development; and

(d) in the above circumstances where Government propose to consider to select under developed areas taking 'Block as a Unit'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) 150 most backward districts from 27 States except Goa have been selected/identified for implementation of National Food for Work Programme. The number of Districts allocated to each States are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) For States [other than special category States and States in the North Eastern (N.E.) region except Assam] most backward Districts have been chosen on the basis of an exercise undertaken by the Planning Commission using three parameters, namely (i) agricultural productivity per worker, (ii) agricultural wage rate and (iii) SC/ST population. Same criteria was followed for Assam. For the special category States and States in N.E. region (except Assam), districts were identified from out of the list selected under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY). At least one district has been selected in each State other than Goa.

(c) and (d) The programme is meant for 150 most backward Districts and the idea is to bring backward Districts at par with other developed Districts by generating additional supplementary wage employment opportunities with food security through creation of durable community infrastructure at the village level. As such, the unit of identification is District based on the criteria explained in para (b) above. Accordingly, there is no proposal to select underdeveloped areas taking block as a unit at present.

Statement

Details of Backward Districts selected for implementation of National Food Programme

SI.No.	States	No. of Districts Identified
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	5
4.	Bihar	15
5.	Chhattisgarh	10
6.	Gujarat	6
7.	Haryana	1
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
10.	Jharkhand	14
11.	Karnataka	3

SI.No.	States	No. of Districts Identified
12.	Kerala	1
13.	Madhya Pradesh	15
14.	Maharashtra	11
15.	Manipur	1
16.	Meghalaya	1
17.	Mizoram	1
18.	Nagaland	1
19.	Orissa	18
20.	Punjab	1
21.	Rajasthan	5
22.	Sikkim	1
23.	Tamil Nadu	4
24.	Tripura	1
25.	Uttaranchal	2
26.	Uttar Pradesh	15
27.	West Bengal	6
	TOTAL:	150

Food for work programme

3058. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether "food for work" programme is not being implemented in **a** sincere way by many State Governments; and

(b) what steps Government are taking so that the defaulting States are made to implement this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No such information has so far been received by this Ministry.

(b) Question does not arise.